

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-8 are pending. Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to clarify the language of the claims.

Rejection of Claims 1-8 Based on Non-statutory Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Over
Claims 1-3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,674,692

Applicant submits a terminal disclaimer herewith, obviating this rejection. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 1-2, 4, 6, and 8 and 29-46 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as Anticipated by
U.S. Patent No. 6,462,753

Claims 1-2, 4, 6, and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,462,753. The audio component of claims 1-5 comprises a digital to analog conversion means that converts the digital audio signal that was recorded by the claimed audio component to an output analog audio signal. Similarly the video component of claims 6-8 comprises a digital to analog conversion means that converts the digital video signals recorded by the claimed video component to an output analog video signal. U.S. Patent No. 6,462,753 does not teach such digital to analog conversion means that converts the digital audio/video signal that was recorded by a dubbing system to an output analog audio/video signal, as in the claimed invention. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 3 and 7 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as Being Unpatentable Over
U.S. Patent No. 6,462,753 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,021,308

Taken alone or together U.S. Patent Nos. 6,462,753 and 6,021,308 do not teach every element of the claimed invention. Neither patent teaches a digital to analog conversion means that converts the digital audio/video signal that was recorded by a dubbing system to an output analog audio/video signal, as in the claimed invention. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claim 5 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as Being Unpatentable Over
U.S. Patent No. 6,462,753 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,077,084

Taken alone or together U.S. Patent Nos. 6,462,753 and 6,077,084 do not teach a digital to analog conversion means that converts the digital audio/video signal that was recorded by a component to an output analog audio/video signal, as in the claimed invention. Thus, every element of the claimed invention is not taught by the combination of the teachings of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,462,753 and 6,077,084. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

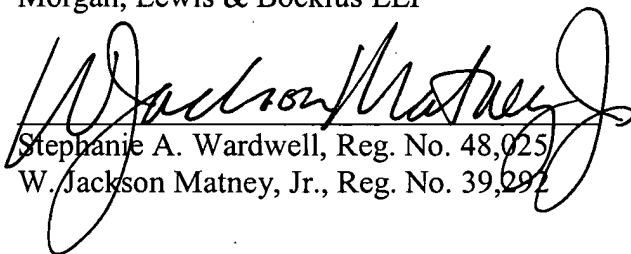
Conclusion

The application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to efficiently advance the prosecution of this application.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response; please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (068034-5002).

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